



Complete Summary

TITLE

Major depressive disorder (MDD): percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit during the measurement period.

SOURCE(S)

Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®. Major depressive disorder physician performance measurement set. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2006 Mar. 27 p. [4 references]

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of major depressive disorder (MDD) who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit during the measurement year.

RATIONALE

Research has shown that patients with major depressive disorder are at a high risk for suicide, which makes this assessment an important aspect of care that should be assessed at each visit*.

*The following clinical recommendation statements are quoted verbatim from the referenced clinical guidelines and represent the evidence base for the measure:

A careful assessment of the patient's risk for suicide is crucial. An assessment of the presence of suicidal ideation is essential, including the degree to which the patient intends to act on any suicidal ideation and the extent to which the patient has made plans for or begun to prepare for suicide. (American Psychiatric Association [APA])

The components of an evaluation for suicide risk [include an assessment of the following]:

1. Presence of suicidal or homicidal ideation, intent, or plans
2. Access to means for suicide and the lethality of those means
3. Presence of psychotic symptoms, command hallucinations, or severe anxiety
4. Presence of alcohol or substance abuse
5. History and seriousness of previous attempts
6. Family history or recent exposure to suicide (APA)

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Major depressive disorder (MDD); suicide risk assessment

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of major depressive disorder (MDD)

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Patients who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit

Evidence Supporting the Measure

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Practice guideline for the treatment of patients with major depressive disorder.](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement
National reporting

Application of Measure in its Current Use**CARE SETTING**

Ambulatory Care
Community Health Care
Physician Group Practices/Clinics
Rural Health Care

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Advanced Practice Nurses
Physician Assistants
Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Individual Clinicians

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than or equal to 18 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component**INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE**

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Getting Better
Living with Illness

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness
Safety

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

Patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of major depressive disorder (MDD)

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of major depressive disorder (MDD)

Exclusions

None

RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition
Encounter

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Patients who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit

See also the "Rationale" field.

Exclusions

None

MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Episode of care

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Medical record

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

None

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Measure #2: suicide risk assessment.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Measurement Sets](#)

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[Major Depressive Disorder Physician Performance Measurement Set](#)

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Measure #2: Suicide Risk Assessment," is published in the "Major Depressive Disorder Physician Performance Measurement Set." This document and technical specifications are available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the American Medical Association (AMA)-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Web site: www.physicianconsortium.org.

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